Disbursement of Kargil funds

1389. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount of funds collected till date, through various agencies, in and outside India, for the victims of Indo-Pak war at Kargil; and

(b) The names of beneficiaries and the amount disbursed among the victims?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A sum of Rs. 446.24 crores has been collected in

the National Defence Fund till 06-12-1999. A sum of RsT 201 crore* has been collected in the Army Central Welfare Fund. The Ministry of Defence have no information about the funds collected by other agencies.

(b) A sum of Rs. 46.25 crores has been released from National Defence Fund for 505 personnel killed and 60 personnel injured, towards ex-gratia for the disabled, acquisition of a dwelling unit, children education and dependant parent grant. A one-time grant of Rs. 30,000/-each has been given from the Army Central Welfare Fund to the families of the 800 solthers killed and to 750 solthers disabled during all operations including Kargil operation from 1st May, 1999.

Economic burden by sending IPKF in Sri Lanka

†l390. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country had suffer massive economic burden as the army was sent by India to Sri Lanka during their internal strife;

(b) if so, total amount spent on sending peace force to Sri Lanka; and

(c) the number of solthers killed and wounded there, separately, alongwith the assistance provided to the families of the deceased solthers?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.